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**WALKER AND MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS ANNOUNCE GRANT AWARDS
FOR OAK LEAF TRAIL**

Milwaukee – County Executive Scott Walker and County Parks Director Sue Black today announced the award of two federally funded grants for the Oak Leaf Trail totaling over \$560,000. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) grant projects are designed to reduce automobile use and emissions while increasing pedestrian, bicycle and mass transit uses.

“These grant awards will make the Oak Leaf Trail in Milwaukee County safer and more accessible to residents and families with children,” said Walker.

Black added, “These grants will provide vast improvements to our nationally recognized, award-winning 106-mile Oak Leaf Trail. In the near future, these trail enhancements will connect people and communities to their parks through bicycling, walking and exercise.”

The majority of the grant money, \$444,000, will be used to construct a 2.25-mile, 10-foot wide asphalt segment of the Oak Leaf Trail between West Congress Street and the West Silver Spring Drive in the Little Menomonee River Corridor. This will be a major improvement.

The second project was awarded \$118,000. This project will include the design and construction of new trail under the Beloit Road Underpass in the City of Greenfield at Beloit Road. This new design allows users to avoid the crossing of a high traffic road therefore making a safer connection for bicyclists and pedestrian users.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission have jointly reviewed and recommended for funding both Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) projects.

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